GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:123
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2017
Prices of Foodgrains
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided not to hike prices of foodgrains sold under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 via ration shops for one more year and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government supplies highly subsidized foodgrains at Rs.1-3/Kg to over 81 crore people in the country costing the exchequer about Rs. 1.4 lakh crore annually; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)
(a)to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 123* DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.07.2017 IN THE LOK SABHA
(a) to (c): Yes Madam. The highly subsidized prices of foodgrains under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) i.e. Rs.1/2/3 per kg. for coarsegrains/ wheat/ rice have been continued upto June, 2018.
Currently, about 80.55 crore persons are covered under NFSA for receiving highly subsidized foodgrains. The budget allocation for food subsidy in 2017-18 is Rs 1,45,138.60 crore.
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